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PUBLIC EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT FEES

The Department of Consumer Affairs currently has the ability to negotiate Public Education and Government (PEG) fees when contracts are renegotiated with cable companies. These fees can be used for capital expenditures to support educational programming. The monies collected could be available for the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Many cities are currently levying the PEG fee, with the revenue collected going to local school districts. The County should be more pro-active in collecting this valuable revenue source to support the schools under the auspices of the County Office of Education. While the Department has informed me that this process could take as long as two years, I believe this is something that the County should immediately institute.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE, that the Department of Consumer Affairs report back on the feasibility of including in their negotiations with cable franchises, the inclusion of levying these PEG fees for the specific purpose of funding capital expenditures related to educational purposes.

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I FURTHER MOVE that the Los Angeles County Office of Education work with the Department of Consumer Affairs and report back on a plan for any revenue generated as a result of the PEG fees. This report is due in 45 days.

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